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2.	ANNOUNCER:	Radio Station	_presentsFOOD FRONT HEADLINES
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argement is beind		the War Food Administration	on, to go with us backstage of the
		American food-drama that	on location right here in our
		town. You may recognize s	ome of your friendsyour
		neighborsor perhaps you	urself in the scene.

- DIST. REP: The current shortage of canned milk throughout most of the states is a good example of the difficulties involved in distributing a scarce product to a small group of people in each community who must have it.
- 4. ANNOUNCER: In this instance. babies and invalids...whose entire diet is dependent on evaporated milk.
- 5. DIST. REP: People who do not absolutely need canned milk will want to forego any unnecessary purchases in order to leave enough for babies and the sick.
- 6. ANNOUNCER: Before we go any further, let's name a few reasons why we have a canned milk shortage.

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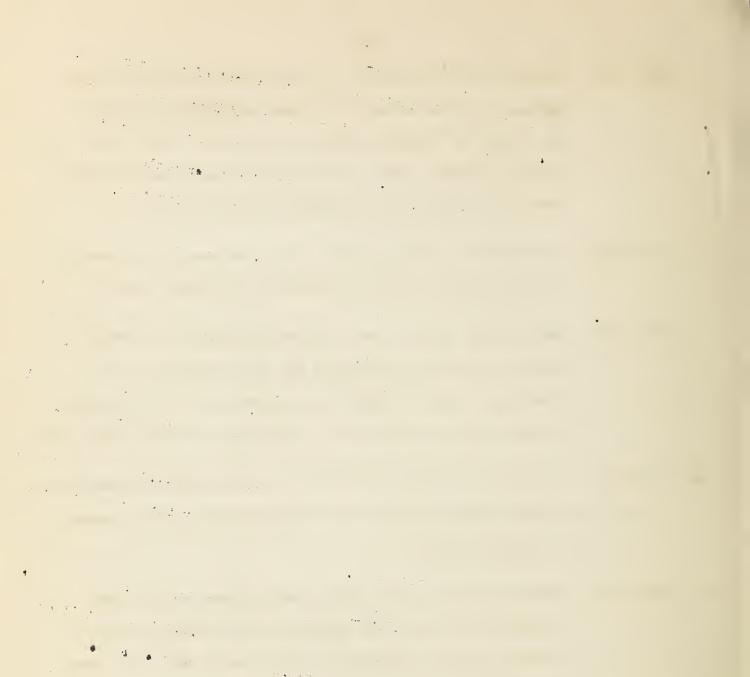
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- 7. DIST. REP: Transportation difficulties have caused most of the meent acute shortages. Severe weather in the East and Northeast clogged rail lines, and freight embargoes were passed to relieve the congested traffic. This made it difficult for wholesalers and jobbers to get the supplies already available for them.
- 8. ANNOUNCER: But the factors involved in the overall evaporated milk shortage are more fundamental and only Victory will eliminate them.
- 9. DIST. REP: That's right! Most of our canned milk is going to the armed forces...because it's impossible for mess sergeants to get fresh milk, except in camps here...Canned milk is the only kind of milk we are able to ship to our fighting men at the front lines.
- 16. ANNOUNCER: In addition to these higher military needs...civilian consumption has increased considerably due to higher incomes and the unusually high birth rate.
- Increased military needs and more buying power are the basic reasons for the canned milk shortage...but we mustn't overlook population shifts. Although the population of some states has decreased during the war...certain areas in the same states have more than doubled their population. This is especially true of communities where military camps and war plants are located. These people move in such dribbles from widely scattered areas that their leaving does not affect the quota of canned milk going into the trade territory they left.



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- 12. ANNOUNCER: But when they congregate in one place they create a new and big demand for canned milk and there aren't any more supplies than there everwere to go around...because the decrease in population was so little in the communities from which these people came...that the same amount of canned milk continues to go there.
- 13. DIST. REP: As you know, manufacturers allocate the supply of canned milk on the basis of how much a specific trade territory received in 1942. This quota goes up and down, but only when the population of a community increases or decreases enough to make a showing. Naturally, the increases show up more than the decreases do, since only a few people move from many different communities to swell another one.
- 14. ANNOUNCER: Don't you think these abnormal and sudden population shifts account for most of the critical shortages of evaporated milk?
- 15. DIST. REP: Perhaps so...and in suchextreme emergencies...the local Food ...

 Advisory Committee and the district representative of the

 War Food Administration make a thorough check of the town to

 see what's causing the trouble.
- 16. ANNOUNCER: Since the Food Advisory Committee is made up of local whole-salers, jobbers and retailers; also hotel operators, cafe owners and other food handlers...isn't it able to supply most of this information?

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17. DIST. REP: In some instances, the Food Advisory Committee can. But if there is no apparent reason for the shortage...the Committee and WFA's district representative work together checking with chain store managers, independent grocerymen... also representatives of the manufacturer, wholesalers, and jobbers to find the bottleneck.

18. ANNOUNCER: Without the aid of the trade, it would be impossible to move, wouldn't it?

19. DIST. REP: Of course it would. But an acute shortage is the trade's problem too, as well as the government's. To show you what I mean...let's look at this typical community of our state. It couldn't get enough canned milk to feed all the babies in town. The Food advisory Committee and WFA's district representative looked into the situation and found that one evaporated milk company had withdrawn from the trade territory. The manufacturer explained his reasons for withdrawing...which were valid enough...but decided to continue serving the territory when the situation was brought to his attention.

20. AMNOUNCER: If a community's quota of evaporated milk has been delayed or has been cut off...the War Food Administration will work with the trade to alleviate the condition. But WFA has had to limit its efforts in assisting communities get more evaporated milk to those that are suffering from an acute shortage.

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- 21. DIST. REP: I'm glad you said that, ________, because the shortage of canned milk is national. What's left after the armed forces get their share must be divided fairly among all trade territories. To send additional canned milk to one area means robbing another of its much needed supply.
- 22. ANNOUNCER: That would be another case of robbing Peter to pay Paul.
- 23. DIST. REP: That's why we've restricted our aid to those communities where there is not enough evaporated milk...even with voluntary rationing...to feed infants and the sick.
- 24. ANNOUNCER: Voluntary rationing has played a big part in making enough canned milk available for essential uses...hasn't it?
- 25. DIST. REP: Yes, it has. When you go into a grocery store and see this sign... Canned milk for babies and sick people only... you know that groceryman is doing all he can to meet the emergency.
- 26. ANNOUNCER: I hear that some retailers require mothers to show the ration books of their children under six years old before they will sell them any canned milk.
- 27. DIST. REP: And their customers are proud of such grocerymen...for they know they're distributing the available canned milk to people who need it. This kind of voluntary rationing seems to be one of the best answers to the canned milk shortage.

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28. ANNOUNCER:	Thanks, Folkslisten next
	to FOOD Front Headlinespresented as a public service feature
	by Radio Station in cooperation with the War Food
	Administration to bring you inside facts from authoritative
	sources about what s happening on the agriculture firing line.
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YOUR PROGRAM IF YOUR TIME IS FIVE MINUTES.

MORE TIME...CUT CUE NO. 28 AND CONTINUE WITH CUE NO. 29.

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- 29. ANNOUNCER: Since we have such a shortage of canned milk, I'm wondering if we can expect any increase in the supply of fresh milk.
- 30. DIST. REP: Our national production probably will be higher this year than it was last...but the conditions in local communities will determine whether there is more or less fresh milk.
- 31. ANNOUNCER: Of course, the purpose of the War Food Administration's 8point dairy program is to insure more milk to meet our
 expanded wartime needs...isn't that right?
- 32. DIST. REP: Yes, it is. The War has put a heavy strain on dairymen. Some of them sold their cows and closed down because they couldn't get labor or buy high priced feeds. The eight-point program is designed to encourage farmers to keep their cows...and to increase their efficiency so we can meet our wartime production goal /of one hundred and twenty billion pounds of milk.
- 33. ANNOUNCER: Let's go over each one of the points in this dairy program and see just what they mean to dairymen.

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- 34. DIST. REP: The first two concern feed. WFA urges farmers to grow plenty of high-quality roughage such as alfalfa...and balance their herds with their feed supplies.
- 35. ANNOUNCER: The third point...keeping production records on each cow...

 means more to dairymen than just a set of figures. This is

 the only sure way of telling whether a cow is worth her feed.
- 36. DIST. REP: This ties in closely with the fifth point of producing milk and cream of the highest quality.
- 37. ANNOUNCER: Which means every dairyman must develop a sound breeding program.
- 38. DIST. REP: Exactly. Also, under the eight-point program, dairymen are being urged to practice disease control methods...take care of the land and adopt labor-saving methods.
- 39. ANNOUNCER: Every sound device that will encourage efficient milk production is needed to reach our production goal of one hundred and twenty billion pounds of milk.
- 40. DIST. REP: Also, efficiency on the dairy farm will help to keep milk production on an even keel when wartime demands give way to a peacetime market.
- 41: ANNOUNCER: Without question...farmers, who follow the eight points we've just discussed, can maintain or improve their milk production... and at the same time build for themselves a more profitable post-war market.

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- 42. DIST. REP: That's the purpose of the whole program as it's sponsored jointly by the War Food Administration, the U. S. Department of Agriculture, the State Extension Services, and the National Dairy Industry Committee.
- 43. ANNOUNCER: Also, the recent announcement of rates of payment of dairy production for the balance of 1945 should help stimulate efficiently since dairymen can now plan their year's production.
- 44. DIST. REP: This year's whole milk rates are approximately the same as they were for last year, when blend prices were by far the highest on record.
- 45. ANNOUNCER: In addition, the decision to equalize the rate of payment on butterfat should encourage the production of butter, particularly in areas where the cream is separated on the farm.
- 46. DIST. REP: Speaking of butter...I might point out that the set-aside on butter has been increased from 25 percent to 40 percent during April...and in May, when more butter will be produced...the set-aside will be upped to 55 percent of production.
- 47. ANNOUNCER: I understand war requirements for butter this year will be much higher than last year.
- 48. DIST. REP: Yes, they will, according to all indications. Most of the butter will be shipped overseas to our armed forces. In fact, right now...the Quartermaster Corps urgently needs supplies for immediate shipment overseas.

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- 49. ANNOUNCER: Then that explains the set-aside on butter in February and the rising set-aside percentages.
- 50. DIST. REP: Efforts are being made to maintain production and to keep available civilian supplies flowing into trade channels on a fairly even monthly basis. During April and May, civilians will get about 80 million pounds of creamery butter as compared with 82 million pounds during February and March.
- 51. ANNOUNCER: Well, _________, I believe that about covers

 the dairy situation from producer to consumer...so folks

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